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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the performance of a student in English and Mathematics subjects is counted for promotion in secondary classes;

(b) if so, whether the National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions (NCMEI) has suggested that English and Mathematics be made optional subjects;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) As per the Scheme of Studies prescribed by Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) for secondary classes, students are required to offer five subjects including two languages, one of which should be either English or Hindi. As per the pass criterion prescribed by CBSE, students are required to obtain at least 33 percent marks in all the five subjects including Mathematics and English, if opted by them.

(b) No, sir.

(c) & (d) Do not arise.